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## ASSEMBLYMEMBER JEROME E. HORTON SPONSORS COMMUNITY AND FAITH-BASED ECONOMIC SUMMIT TO EXPOSE CBOs TO FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

**SACRAMENTO** – Assemblymember Jerome E. Horton, in concert with the California Legislative Black Caucus, will sponsor a Community and Faith-Based **Economic Summit** on **October 25, 2002**. The purpose of the event is to make local community-based organizations (CBOs) aware of how to access federal, state, local and private funding to be utilized to enhance their programs. **Millions of available dollars** go **unclaimed annually** because the public is not aware of the existence of the funds. Speakers will include federal, state, and local officials as well as various grant professionals.

Invited guests include Governor Gray Davis, and confirmed speakers include Lt. Governor Cruz Bustamante, Assembly Speaker Herb Wesson, and Secretary Grantland Johnson. The event will feature a Governor's Luncheon, with attendance by invitation only.

Chairman of the California Legislative Black Caucus, Assemblymember Jerome E. Horton stated: "We are attempting to make community organizations aware of the funding available to assist them in carrying out their critical responsibilities. Many of these organizations serve on the front lines providing services that community people would not otherwise have access to."

The Summit will be held at El Camino College in Torrance, at the Marsee Auditorium located at 16007 Crenshaw Boulevard. It will begin at 9:00 am. All participants must register for this event. Those wanting further information should call (916) 319-3867 (Northern California) and (310) 412-6400 (Southern California).